

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claim have been amended. Claims 1-12, 14-16, 18, 19, 23-32, 34, 35, 39-44 and 47-49 have been cancelled. Claims 13, 17, 20-22, 33, 36-38, 45 and 46 to which the Examiner objected as dependent from rejected base claims have been amended to eliminate such dependence.

It is noted that in the Office Action Summary claims 37 and 38 were indicated as rejected but also listed with claims that were not rejected. Since claims 37 and 38 were not rejected in the Detailed Action, it has been assumed that there was a typographical error in the Office Action Summary's indication that claims 37 and 38 were rejected.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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